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Indo-China Dialogue
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India and China will continue high level exchanges in counter terrorism and related areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the forthcoming high level engagement in counter terrorism is yet another manifestation of growing convergence of views of two countries on this pressing challenge facing international community;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether China has agreed to defend the interest of developing countries and boost international exchanges and cooperation in various fields; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE INISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (c) India and China have maintained a continuous dialogue on the issue of terrorism. The two sides have agreed to enhance cooperation in combating international terrorism through exchange of information, exchange of experiences and coordinating positions on anti-terrorism endeavors at regional and multilateral levels. In-depth discussions on counter-terrorism have been held under the first India-China High Level Dialogue on Counter-terrorism and Security held in Beijing in September 2016 and during the visit of Secretary of the Central Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the Communist Party of China Mr. Meng Jianzhu to India in November 2016.

China has often articulated its concern on spread of terrorism and their desire to cooperate with us on this issue. On several occasions, China has reiterated with us their resolute opposition to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations with 'zero tolerance', and has agreed that there is no justification for terrorism. Given the convergence in our respective positions, Government has conveyed to China that their stated position on terrorism should be demonstrated in concrete terms through practical steps in bilateral and multilateral fora.

(d) & (e) As two major powers in the emerging world order, engagement between India and China has a significant bearing on regional, multilateral and global issues. Both sides have agreed to not only step up their consultations on developments affecting international peace, security and development but also coordinate their positions and work together to shape the regional and global agenda and outcomes. The two countries have agreed to further strengthen coordination and cooperation in multilateral forums including RIC, BRICS and G20, to promote the interests of developing countries and the building of a better world.